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OUTSTANDING: Temple Sutton Children's Centre staff and children celebrate the news.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

CHILDREN'S CENTRE RATED OUTSTANDING

A CHILDREN'S centre has been rated as 'outstanding' by the education watchdog Ofsted.

Temple Sutton Children's Centre, in Eastern Avenue, Southend, received the dazzling report judging them outstanding in each main category of the report.

Headteacher of Temple Sutton Primary School and Children's Centre, Tim Barrett, praised his team, but said recognition had to be given to the previous head teacher, Frank Gulle, who had the vision to raise standards.

He said: "The inspectors highlighted the huge role played by Jan Down, the newly appointed Interim Manager: 'relentless in

her pursuit of excellence, and extremely well supported by her deputy and staff.'

"The report rightly acknowledged their hard work, commitment and thoroughness in giving the local community the best possible support, care and guidance available."

Southend Council's head of children's commissioning and learning infrastructure, Sue Hadley, said: "Huge congratulations to staff, parents and children who together are making Temple Sutton Children's Centre a most vibrant focus of help, support, development, improvement and enjoyment for the whole community."

The centre, launched in 2006 in the grounds of Temple Sutton Primary School, caters for 736 children aged from birth to five.

As well as childcare, it offers services ranging from baby weighing, baby massage to parenting, adult learning courses and outreach support in partnership with health, adult education services and Jobcentre Plus.

After visiting the centre, inspectors wrote: "Temple Sutton Children's Centre is at the heart of its community and provides an outstanding service."

"The clarity of vision and commitment of the centre manager and all those involved with its governance and leadership are driving the centre forwards.

"This sense of purpose is successfully translated into a wide range of activities, which very effectively meets the needs of all, including those whose circumstances make them vulnerable.

"A high, and constantly increasing, proportion of families make excellent use of the centre's facilities to improve their lives."

Inspectors especially noted: "In particular, the centre's impact on children's learning and development has significantly contributed to a very strong improvement in narrowing the gap between the lowest achievers and the rest by the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage."

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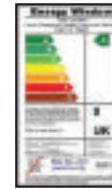
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Council agree to airport's new terminal

By Paul Giles

THE SECOND phase of Southend Airport, which will create 300 jobs, has been given the go ahead by Rochford Council.

The new terminal will be 90 metres long and have extra check in desks and baggage drop off points.

The departure lounge will grow in size and a larger arrivals area will have baggage reclaim facilities and immigration areas.

London Southend Airport managing director, Alastair Welch, was pleased Rochford Council had supported the extension.

He said: "It will ensure that we are able to maintain the high levels of customer service we intend to be the hallmark of Southend Airport as our passenger numbers grow."

"This is also further evidence of the role the redeveloped airport is playing in supporting the regeneration of the wider economy."

Construction work on the extension is planned to get underway later this year.

Retail and catering will be expanded throughout the terminal to accommodate two million passengers per year by 2020.

The 300 new jobs will arise from the increase in Southend based aircraft, which will result in a variety of additional operational and service roles such as passenger service, security, retail, catering, baggage handling, engineering and maintenance, plus airline crew from Southend based airline operations.



TERMINAL: What the new terminal will look like.

Animal abuse pair jailed

TWO FORMER slaughterhouse workers have been jailed after admitting abuse to animals.

The men who worked at Cheale Meats, in Little Warley Hall Lane, Brentwood, had been caught on covert cameras placed by Animal Aid in March and April last year.

Piotr Andrzej Wasiuta, from Southend, admitted three charges on Wednesday, April 25, relating to stabbing cigarettes out on the faces of pigs while his colleague, Kelly Smith, from Benfleet, admitted two counts relating to beating the animals with excessive force and frequency.

The pair appeared at Westminster Magistrates Court.

Wasiuta was jailed for six weeks, and Smith for four weeks.

Their prison terms were reduced from nine to seven weeks, respectively, because they had pleaded guilty to the charges.

The prosecutor described how one pig was hit more than 30 times in 62 seconds, including around the head.

Both men were in positions of responsibility and both used weapons aggravating factors.

The cruelty caused public outrage when the footage was broadcast on national news last year. Despite the clear abuse of animals, Defra, the government department which had responsibility for bringing a prosecution, refused to do so, stating erroneously that the footage would not be admissible in court.

The bench at court was shown the

footage last week.

Animal Aid has long believed that the decision not to prosecute was politically motivated. In September, Defra's responsibility for prosecuting was removed and given instead to the Crown Prosecution Service, which brought this case.

Kate Fowler, head of campaigns at Animal Aid, was satisfied that Wasiuta and Smith have been brought to justice.

She said: "Their acts of cruelty were inexcusable and caused untold suffering to animals who were already scared and vulnerable.

"However, many other slaughterhouse workers, who also caused serious and deliberate suffering to animals, have escaped justice because this

government refused to act. We are now calling on the Food Standards Agency to look again at two other cases to see whether charges may be brought under the Animal Welfare Act.

"Our detailed investigations have found illegality in eight of the nine slaughterhouses we visited, despite government-appointed vets being present in all of them.

"The current regulatory system does not work. It does not catch those who abuse animals.

"But this case proves that properly placed and independently-monitored cameras do work, and we renew our call for Defra to make CCTV mandatory to catch those who abuse animals and to act as a disincentive to those who might consider it."

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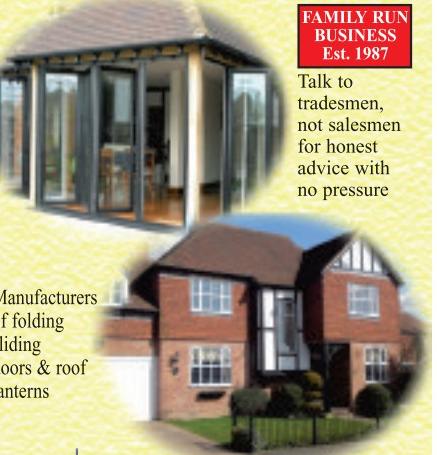


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Thieves raid Specsavers

THIEVES broke into Specsavers in Southend High Street overnight on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20 and stole a four-figure sum of cash from the premises.

A forensic examination of the property was conducted and CCTV in the area is being examined to ascertain whether the thieves have been captured on camera.

Anyone with information in connection with this burglary is urged to contact detectives at Southend Police Station on 101.

Spring Garden show

THE SOUTHEND Spring Garden Show will be held this weekend at Garon Park, in Eastern Avenue.

There will be grow your own demonstrations, plant stalls, landscape designers and food and drink stalls.

Jackie Whitehead, of Organic Kitchens, will also be holding grow your own sessions. To book tickets for the event on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, call 01702 549622.

Men arrested over serious assault

TWO men have been arrested in connection with a serious assault.

The pair attended a police station voluntarily after an appeal police put out following the incident in Dick De Vines, Warrior Square, Southend, on January 15.

A 20-year-old man and a 21-year-old man, both from Westcliff, have been arrested on suspicion of GBH.

Both have been released on police bail, pending further investigation, until July 29.

Police are now only looking to identify one further man. If you have any information, please contact DC Glen Crosby at the Basildon target offender team on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously.



CELEBRATE: 217 Field Squadron goes from strength to strength.

TA unit celebrates anniversary

SOUTHEND Territorial Army has been celebrating their first year anniversary.

Members of the 217 Field Squadron have already passed the demolition phase of their basic training which will help them to become members of the search teams looking for improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Lieutenant Andrew Chu, Squadron Commander, explained a team would include a commander, a second-in-command and a number of soldiers who carry out the search tasks.

He said: "Our role is to assess the threat, which can change minute-by-minute."

"Key to our role is an understanding of building construction and the impact of a device exploding. This allows us to assess how an individual search and disposal will be handled. When IEDs are

found, the team's explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) operatives are called out to dispose of them.

"We have seen an excellent response to our arrival in Southend and received a great welcome at last year's Southend Air Show."

Seventeen new recruits have joined the Squadron in the last year and new recruits are in the process of joining.

The success of the squadron is reflected in Chris Brant, 20, from Leigh.

He has decided to join the Royal Engineers on a full-time basis and to specialise in explosive ordnance disposal.

Chris explained he was a volunteer with the Signals before joining 217 Squadron.

He said: "I can thoroughly recommend the TA.

"Last year I was deployed to Jordan for one

month where I was alongside members of the regular Army training for deployment to Afghanistan.

"It was a fantastic experience and isn't the sort of thing that comes your way in civilian life."

"In addition, other members of the Squadron are hoping to be deployed on operations and to take part in training overseas."

The Squadron is looking for recruits to fill various roles including bomb disposal, drivers, vehicle mechanics, catering, communications, logistics and administration.

Southend TA centre is open for recruits on Tuesday evenings between 8 and 10pm.

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Car crash

POLICE are appealing for information following a road crash in Southend.

The collision happened on Bircham Road when the driver of a black VW Golf lost control of the car and struck a house wall and parked car at 3.45pm on Sunday, March 11.

The driver left the scene without notifying anyone.

The parked vehicle has been written off by insurers.

Anyone with information in connection with this crash is urged to contact PC Ian Risdin at Southend Police Station on 101.

House burglary

THIEVES have stolen jewellery and electric items from a home in Woodgrange Drive between 9.30am and noon last Friday.

The male thief is described as white, but tanned, in his late 20s, clean-shaven, approximately 5ft 10ins tall and was wearing a dark sweatshirt with red and navy details.

Call 101 with information.

Woman attacked during attempted robbery

A WOMAN was punched in the face following a failed street robbery.

The attack happened when a 22-year-old woman was walking by the infant school on Hamstel Road shortly after 10pm last Thursday.

She was talking to a friend on her mobile phone when a male cyclist tried to steal the telephone from her. Following a struggle, the woman was punched in the face by the man before he rode off towards Central Avenue empty-handed.

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FILM: Local film directors, the Lennox brothers, view the exhibition of film posters at the Beecroft Art Gallery.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Film Festival celebrations

CELEBRATIONS for this year's Southend Film Festival were launched last week in the form of an exhibition displaying film posters from past and present festivals.

The Beecroft Gallery is hosting the show that complements the film spectacular.

Many of the posters that are collectors items have been signed by the actors and filmmakers.

The exhibition provides a unique opportunity to see close up the work of the poster

artists and to celebrate the work of these largely unsung craftspeople.

It also takes into account how poster art has changed over the years.

Paul Cotgrove, organiser of the Film Festival, said planning for this year began as soon as the last festival finished. He said: "Every year we come up with something we can put on at the Beecroft and this year it was posters.

"It's great to see the posters mounted.

"Posters are an art form that are getting lost in multiplexes.

"These days the posters are so important you can't imagine how much work goes into a poster to draw people in, they're very strong in the advertising campaign."

The opening Gala night for the film festival will be held at the Odeon cinema tomorrow (Thursday), with a viewing of Hard Boiled Sweets.

For more information log on to the website at www.southendfilmfestival.com

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Arrests in Royal Mail fraud investigation

By Paul Giles

FOUR people have been arrested after police raided properties last Wednesday in Southend, Canvey Island and Leyton.

The raids were part of an investigation into fraud against Royal Mail.

Royal Mail joined officers from Southend East neighbourhood policing team and stormed an industrial unit at Robert Leonard industrial estate, and a residential premise in Nevada Road, Canvey.

A property in Leyton was also searched, but nothing was found.

Large quantity of parcels ready for distribution were seized.

Police and Royal Mail suspect that the parcels were being sent with fraudulent postage marks to customers using the stationary supply business from across Europe.

Sergeant Nick Allen said any suspicion of crime taking place would be investigated.

He said: "We work closely with other agencies such as Royal Mail to ensure that people are conducting business lawfully."

"If we suspect you are involved in unlawful business, we will be coming through your door."

A 38-year-old man from Westcliff, a 30-year-old man from Canvey and a 27-year-old man from Westcliff were all arrested on suspicion of fraud by false representation.

A 31-year-old woman from Canvey was also arrested on suspicion of fraud by false representation. No charges had been brought at the time of going to press.

Royal Mail spokesperson, Sally Hopkins, explained the postal company takes the security of the mail and the correct payment of postage very seriously.

She said: "We operate a zero tolerance policy to any offences that jeopardise this security or attempt to defraud Royal Mail of postage payments."

"We work closely with the police where there are grounds to suspect any related offences are being planned or have been committed. Fortunately, incidents of fraud are very rare and customers should have every confidence in the services we provide."

RAID: PC Warren Lamb and Sergeant Nick Allen.



Adult learning taster courses on offer at college

SOUTHEND Adult Community College (SACC) is offering a range of taster courses throughout the borough this month in celebration of Adult Learners' Week 2012.

Now in its 21st year, Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest and longest running learning

campaign. It encourages thousands of adults, whatever their age and background, to give learning a go.

The college is offering a bumper filled fortnight of courses from Saturday, May 12, until Friday, May 25.

These include British sign language, tai chi, Facebook and more.

Principal Stephen Lay said: "The cost of these classes has been kept to a bare minimum to enable as many new learners as possible to take part.

"I hope the programme will result in local resi-

dents discovering the fantastic facilities and staff the College has available at its centres."

All courses have a small fee, starting at £2.50 and places are limited.

Call 01702 445700 or visit www.southend-adult.ac.uk to enrol.

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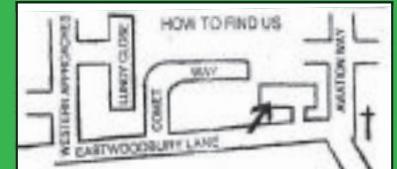
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It's official – Southend rated as one of the best nights out in UK

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND has been given a Purple Flag award recognising the achievements of how the town is managed at night.

Just as Blue Flags are a guarantee of good beaches, Purple Flags act as an indicator of where to go for a good night out.

The standard is only awarded to entertainment areas that are judged by the Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) set criteria.

The High Street and seafront are the first areas in Essex to have its night-time economy recognised.

In awarding the Purple Flag, the ATCM rated Southend as 'above standard' in two of the five judging criteria - 'Wellbeing' and 'A Broad Appeal'.

The judges found the town's High Street and seafront to be 'welcoming, safe and clean' and said they offered 'a vibrant choice and a rich mix of entertainment and activity'.

They also met the required standard in the 'Movement', 'Place' and 'Policy Envelope' judging criteria.

Among the features of the town's night-time economy which were recognised by the judges were:

- an innovative town centre policing strategy.

- the 'BOBB' (Behave or Be Banned) scheme, which they said was 'well enforced and respected' by the police and local businesses.

- the availability of fixed and



FLAG: (L-R) Marzia Abel (town centre manager), Leo Lord (SBC partnership adviser), Gina Evans (manager Victoria Shopping Centre), and Dawn Jeakings (manager Royals Shopping Centre) with two members of the Town Centre Policing Team.

portable toilets.

- the SoS Bus - 'an excellent example of what can be achieved through multi-agency co-operation'.

- the town's 'Clubwatch' scheme, where representatives of 35 town centre clubs, pubs and bars meet regularly with police to share intelligence and good practice.

- Southend Council's chief executive, Rob Tinlin, said night time

economy was important to the town.

He said: "What goes on in the town between the hours of 5pm and 6am is every bit as vital to the local economy as what occurs during daylight hours.

"This award recognises the work that we have been doing with partner agencies such as Essex Police, the Town Centre Partnership, Southend YMCA and Clubwatch."

Philip Kolyvin QC, chairman of the Purple Flag Board, said the towns that had received the flag had worked hard to gain it.

He said: "They all deliver a range of activities, initiatives and services in their centres as part of a committed partnership."

The other four areas awarded Purple Flag status today were Lincoln, Ipswich, Sheffield and Aberystwyth.

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However more and more of us are living with muscle and joint pain and are putting it down to being normal for them, or convincing themselves that it's just a part of getting older. Be aware, pain is not normal!

What you have to remember is that pain is the body's way of telling you that something is wrong. A warning signal. It's not necessarily something you have to live with. People tend to live with back pain or neck pain for example, but most of us wouldn't live with toothache for very long before going to the dentist would we?

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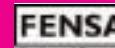
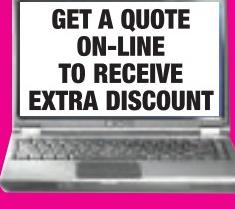
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Talent show star's rise to be told at the Cliffs

By Paul Giles

THE life story of Susan Boyle will be coming to the Cliffs Pavilion next week.

The show, which stars Elaine C Smith, best known as Mary Doll in BBC TV's *Rab & Nesbitt*, follows Susan Boyle's meteoric rise from humble beginnings to global icon and features signature songs from her multi-platinum albums.

Elaine, who also starred in 2000 Acres of Sky, said she had a great relationship with the Britain's Got Talent runner up.

She said: "We have a link as all of her family were good singers and I can relate to that because in the 40s and 50s you made your own entertainment and that involved singing."

Talking about playing at Southend, Elaine admitted she was excited as she had heard such good things about the town.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to visiting. I've also got family and friends coming along when we're in Southend."

"The show has been amazing right from the beginning. We have been overwhelmed by the support of the audience."

Elaine landed the role of playing Susan without even knowing it.

In interviews Susan had said if anyone was going to play her she would choose Elaine to do the job.

Speaking about playing the star and her life, Elaine said:



DREAM: Elaine Smith with Susan Boyle who will be performing at the Cliffs Pavilion.

"Susan has always been a bit different. She was bullied at school and found it hard.

"When she went for her auditions she didn't tell anyone, she just got on the bus and turned up.

"She reached her dreams and then the press turned on her, which is a horrible thing.

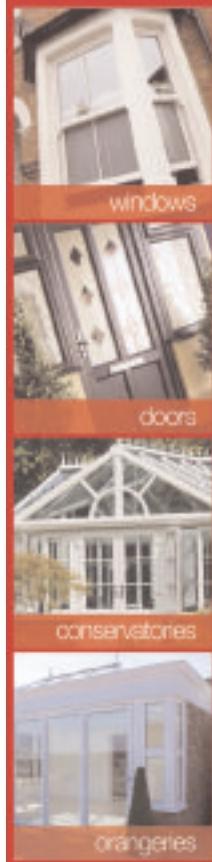
"But the public love her and it has shown in the people that have been turning up and giving us standing ovations at the show."

Susan was happy with the show as it is an honest portrayal of her life.

She said: "I am thrilled to be a part of the musical about my life story and very much looking forward to stepping on stage and performing with the cast."

I Dreamed a Dream will be playing at the Cliffs from Wednesday, May 9, to Saturday, May 12.

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STARTING LINE: Men from the Temple get ready for the walk.

Walkers raise funds

By Paul Giles

MEMBERS of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple have been raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support and other charities it supports.

Worshippers from the Temple, in Southend, came together at Southchurch Park to do a 10 km walk.

Narendra Patel, 52, who was one of the highest fundraisers said he was lucky plenty of his cus-

tomers from the shop he owns had sponsored him.

He said: "One of the most enjoyable things when getting sponsored is talking to people about the charities we're doing it for."

Funds raised will go to Macmillan and BAPS charities which provides emergency care and long term solutions in areas of health, education, the environment, community development and disaster relief.

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Woman pays the price for dishonestly claiming benefit

A WOMAN from Westcliff is now paying the price for working while dishonestly claiming benefit.

Joanna Needs, 28, of Fairview Drive, admitted seven counts of making dishonest statements to obtain Housing and Council Tax benefit between 2008 and 2011 when she appeared before magistrates in Southend, on Wednesday, April 18.

She was given a six-month suspended sentence, ordered to wear an electronic tag to ensure she complies with a 6pm to 6am curfew order and told to pay £100 towards prosecution costs in addition to repaying the wrongly claimed cash.

The court heard that Needs began claiming Housing and Council Tax Benefit from Southend Council in August 2008 after stating that she and her partner were not working and were in financial difficulties.

During the time she was claiming for the benefits she continued to maintain that the couple's financial situation was poor.

However, a data matching exercise later revealed that she was receiving an income from KPMG Ltd.

Checks established that she had been employed by the company from 2001 to 2011 with a monthly salary paid straight into her bank account. By failing to declare this extra income Needs received £11,786.01 of Housing Benefit and £1,345.53p of Council Tax Benefit she was not entitled to.

Southend council's corporate director for support services, Sally Holland, said the

authority was committed to paying benefits to those who are entitled to them.

She said: "However, it also has a duty to protect the public purse and take action against people committing benefit fraud."

"It is an offence to commit benefit fraud and the repayment of benefit is not the only action the Council may wish to take."

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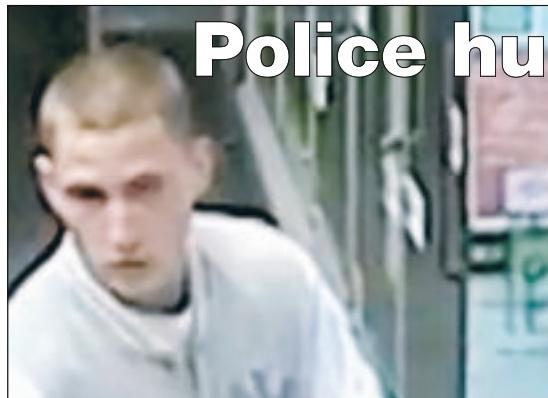
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Police hunt booze thieves

POLICE are hoping to track two men who stole booze from a shop and hit a member of staff.

The duo walked into Londis, on Southchurch Road, shortly after 9.30pm on Thursday, March 1, and left with several cans of drink.

However, staff ran after them and grabbed the alcohol back before returning to the store.

One of the two men then followed back and assaulted a 26-year-old male staff member.

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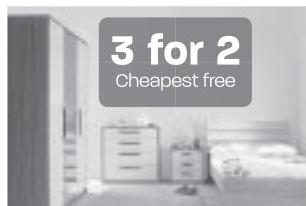
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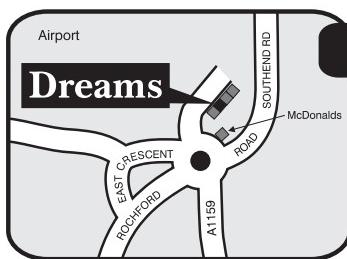


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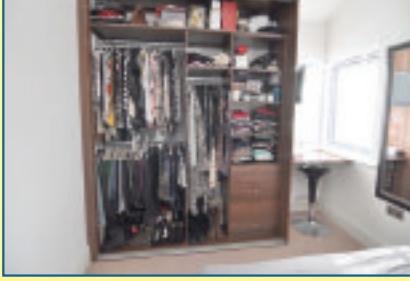
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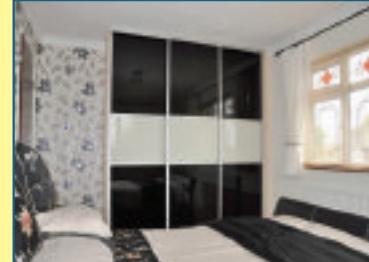


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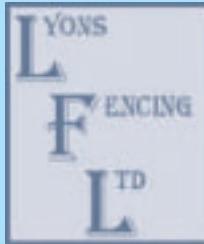


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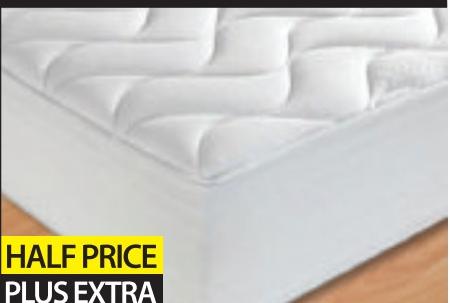
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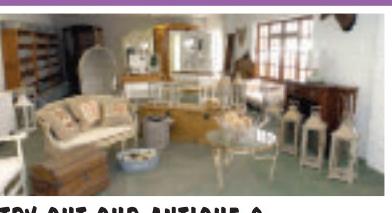
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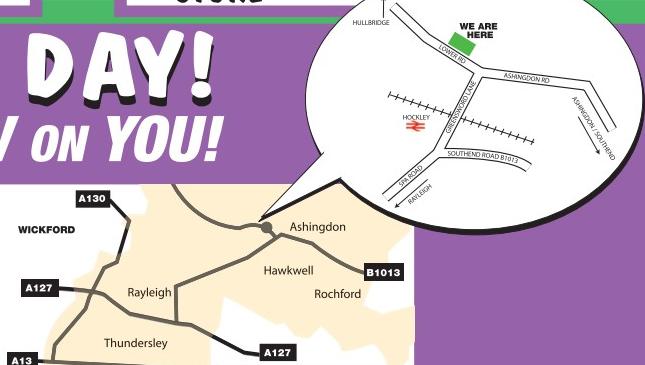
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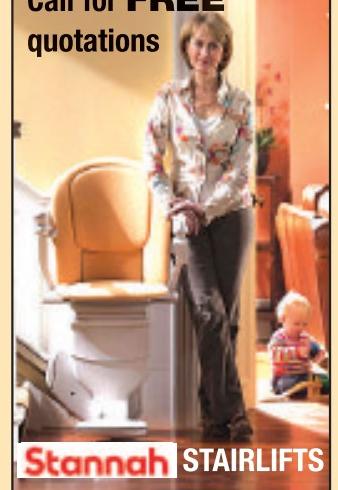


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Mayoral candidates call for air inquiry

By Peter Henn

MAYORAL candidates are supporting calls for a public inquiry into air quality and air pollution in London.

More than 4,000 people die every year because of pollution in the capital, according to official figures.

However, successive governments have been accused of ignoring the issue.

The government has also made use of a loophole in the law, which allows it to exceed European-set limits without being fined.

The call for an inquiry was made by the 'Cabbies Against Boris' action group, which has said the Mayor's strategy for air pollution was not effective.

Green candidate Jenny Jones supported the call for the enquiry, saying it was time for something to be done. She said: "Air pollution is the second biggest killer in the capital, and it's rapidly becoming the number one health issue for Londoners."

"We simply cannot go on as we are."

The Liberal Democrats' Brian Paddick has supported an inquiry, but has demanded more is done

sooner to clean up the air.

He said: "We can't really afford to wait for the outcome of a lengthy inquiry. It is a scandal that 4,000 people a year in London die from the effects of poor air quality and we will keep on campaigning to ensure that this topic remains on the top of all politicians' agendas so that real action is taken now, not just the ineffective and temporary measures that Transport for London (TfL) are trialling at the moment."

Labour's Ken Livingstone said it was 'absolutely right' that an inquiry was called. The former Mayor said: "The thousands of children growing up with asthma need a Mayor who takes air pollution seriously."

Mr Livingstone has previously admitted that he could have done more to cut emissions during his eight years as mayor.

The Clean Air in London campaign group welcomed the calls for the inquiry. Director Simon Birkett said: "Clean Air in London enthusiastically supports the call for an inquiry to build public understanding of the dangers of

air pollution with advice for people on protecting themselves and reducing pollution. However, it is vital there is no let up in the pressure on Boris Johnson and the Government to act immediately to reduce pollution levels that are the highest of any capital city in Europe."

Independent Candidate Siobhan Benita confirmed she also supported an inquiry.

Seven sites in London have been found to exceed yearly limit rates for deadly Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) particles, with three of them exceeding hourly limits.

The Mayor's office has blamed wind blowing pollution from the Continent – a claim which the EU has rubbish.

A spokesman for Transport for London said: A number of city-wide and longer term initiatives have already been introduced in the capital this year to drive down pollution, such as introducing low emission vehicles, using cleaner buses, banning the most polluting taxis and tightening the Low Emission Zone standards.

"TfL has also introduced a number

of targeted measures at key locations across the capital to reduce PM10 and included a green wall at Edgware Road Tube station,

the application of dust suppressants, a no engine idling campaign and taxi marshalling."

Boris Johnson has said he will

not support an inquiry if re-elected. A spokesman for his campaign said: "We have a strategy and a clean air fund."

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Tributes to teen

By Paul Giles

THE FAMILY of a teenager who died in a crash in Billericay have paid tribute to him.

Dale Carlier, 18, who had lived all of his life in Brentwood, had been out with friends on Friday, April 20.

His mother Sharon and step-dad Adam say the 18-year-old was full of life and a beloved member of his family.

They said: "He will be very sadly missed, not only by his family including his 16-year-old sister Louise, and 20-year-old brother Niall, but also by the many good friends who were an important part of his life."

Dale was hoping to complete his studies in Public Services at Chelmsford College, with the aim of becoming a police officer.

The teen, who attended Brentwood County High School, kept himself fit by attending a kick-boxing club in Hutton and also came third in a national Royal Marines fitness challenge. Dale's mum and step-dad have requested no flowers at the funeral apart from those from the family.

They will shortly announce a charity for anyone who wishes to make a donation in honour of Dale's life.

The smash happened when the driver of a black Ford Fiesta appears to have lost control of the car while travelling along Western Road, at 1.50am on Saturday, April 21.

The car struck a wall and then overturned.

Dale, from Coram Green in Hutton, was taken to Basildon Hospital, but died a short time later.

Three other male occupants of the car were also taken to the hospital.

A 20-year-old from the Brentwood area ended up with head and arm injuries.

A 20-year-old from the Romford area received arm injuries, and a 17-year-old from the Brentwood area sustained pelvic and facial inquiries. Police have yet to establish who the driver of the car was.

Opposition leader loses cancer fight

WELL-RESPECTED politician Tom Smith Hughes has passed away.

The leader of the opposition at Essex County Council lost his battle with cancer on Wednesday, April 18.

Flags at County Hall and at Chelmsford Civic Centre will fly at half mast as a mark of respect on the day of his funeral on Tuesday, May 8.

Mr Smith-Hughes, 63, led the Lib Dem group and represented Chelmsford North on the County Council, where had been a member for 27 years.

He was also a Chelmsford Borough councillor for 12 years for the Patching Hall ward.

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Richard Boyd, joint leader of Essex County Council from 1993 until 1997, said: "Tom was truly unusual in that personal status meant nothing to him, for he had a good family and strong marriage to underpin his professional skills."

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Golf course owner plays down development fears

By Peter Henn

THE OWNERS of a municipal golf course has said there is 'no chance' of it being built on.

Risebridge Golf Course, in Risebridge Chase, Romford, has said it will be the subject of investment, both on the course and the clubhouse.

Course manager Andy Price said: "We've got a five-year plan, we're going to expand the clubhouse and put a function room in and we're looking at investing in the course itself."

"We've got a 34-year lease, we're keeping our course fees low, and there's no chance we'll build on this course."

Mr Price runs Risebridge Golf Limited, which took over the site after Risebridge Golf Club Limited was declared insolvent.

He spoke out after residents said they were fearful of the future of the site.

Ian James, of Beauly Close, Romford, said: "The matter is that it's changed hands so much. If anything else happens, people could

come in, and that would be the end of that."

"I would hope the council would apply some common sense and try to stop anyone building on the site."

Ray Oddy, of Tay Way, said there were also environmental concerns about the site.

Mr Oddy, who has lived in his home for 58 years, said: "Our homes here are built on marshland, so it's not uncommon to see floods around here."

"We know what developers can be like, and it would be a big worry all

round if we ended up with more building there."

Mr Oddy said there had been similar proposals in the past.

He explained: "There was a plan about 50 years ago to build on the site, but we got together and had it rejected. If the same thing happens again, we'll do the same."

Havering Council said the land was currently recreation land on the Green Belt, but would not comment on its position if an application for development was made.

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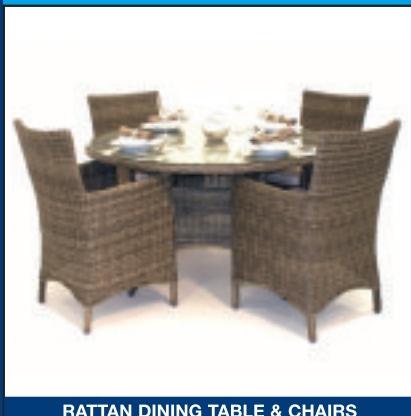


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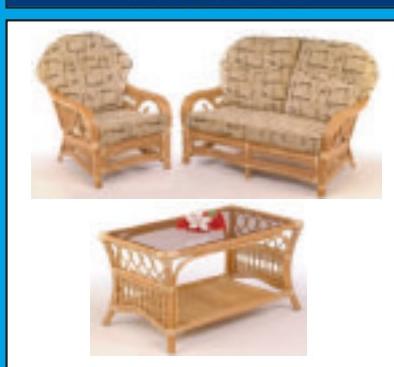
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Artist to show off work in distinguished gallery

By Peter Henn

A WOMAN will be showcasing her artwork at one of Britain's most prestigious galleries.

Jane High, from Leigh Heights, Hadleigh, has had one of her oil paintings accepted for display at the Mall Gallery in central London.

The 51-year-old has been painting as a hobby since she was a child, but had only started to focus on animals in the last seven years.

She said: "This is a real passion of mine, and I'm absolutely delighted that my work will go on display."

Jane worked with the Society of Woman Artists to put up her painting of a giraffe.

The mother-of-two explained: "There was a pret-

ty vigorous selection process – it had to go in front of art experts and museum curators – so I am very proud to have been picked."

Jane, who works as an administrator for South East Essex Sixth Form College, Runnymede Chase, Benfleet, had never had anything like this happen to her on such a grand scale.

She said: "I'd won things with the Southend Art Club, which I'm a member of, but that was just as part of the club – to have something like this is much bigger."

■ Jane's painting will be part of the Society of Women Artists Exhibition, which is at the Mall Gallery from Thursday, June 28 to Saturday, July 7.

PROUD: Jane High shows off her pieces of art.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Waste operator fined for running illegal site

ONE OF the UK's largest waste operators has been prosecuted for running an illegal site in Rayleigh.

Biffa Waste Serviced Ltd was fined £10,000 for storing 47 containers of mixed waste at its depot in Rawreth Lane.

Prosecutor Anne-Lise McDonald said the company was in breach of planning regulations and health and safety regulations.

The company stored the waste at the site despite being advised not to by the Environment Agency.

The company received the advice after

two fires broke out.

The illegal activity was spotted by two Environment Agency officers, who saw skips at the site, which is not meant to be used as a waste transfer station.

The officer said the mixed waste had a strong smell of rotting food and some of it had spilled onto the ground.

A company representative claimed that he could not understand how the breach had happened.

Ms McDonald said it would have cost Biffa a significant amount of money to gain

a permit to use the site as a waste transfer station.

Biffa was fined £8,000 and ordered to pay an additional £2,282 in costs.

Speaking after the hearing, Environment Agency officer Stephanie Winnard said: "As one of the largest waste companies, Biffa has a responsibility to comply with the regulations. In this case the company failed to comply and 47 containers of mixed waste was inappropriately stored on a site without a permit and with a potential to impact on nearby residents."



MEDALS: Jessica Down.
Picture by Mark Cleveland

Young athlete ranked number one in country for age group

By Charles Thomson

RAYLEIGH schoolgirl Jessica Down has been ranked number one in the country for under-13s 70 metre outdoor hurdles and under-13s Pentathlon.

The 12-year-old pupil at the FitzWimarc School was ranked first in the UK by the 'Power of 10' website.

The site collates data on athletes around the country, then uses it to rank them in terms of their achievements.

The sporty student plays basketball, netball and hockey but said she prefers the challenge of athletics.

She said: "Athletics stand out from the rest as I am highly competitive and athletics enable me to exert this drive."

Jessica, who has been training for just one year, belonged to Southend Athletics Club but

recently moved to the Chelmsford Athletics Club.

She trains several times per week.

She said: "My favourite event is hurdles because it is a highly skilled and challenging event that involved a lot of precision and power, which pushes my ability."

Jessica has won 27 medals and is currently ranked fifth in the UK for under-13s long jump, fifth for under-13s 60 metre indoor hurdles and 11th for under-13s shot-put.

She said she hoped to one day compete in the Olympics.

"In the future, I hope to eventually be at Olympic standard and therefore be able to compete in the 2020 Olympics," added Jessica. "I have a strong desire to pursue a successful athletics career and aspire to be like Jessica Ennis."

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Opinion and readers' letters

Will wardens have brain power?

AT first on reading the letter in the press from councillor Tony Cox, I thought this is the person who has been in charge of local transport and is also responsible for the type of Gestapo wardens that are running around this town.

These people do not even allow motorists to pull up in a safe area and run into a shop and get a newspaper.

But then it became quite obvious, it was that Mr Cox lives in the area of Shoebury where he wants the local shops to be used more.

Will there be a shortage of wardens in that area or could they be selected because of having a bit of extra brain power?

Chas Cheesman
Southend-on-Sea

No green man for me

A CURIOUS thing happened to me at the "award-winning" Progress Road junction. While trying to use the pedestrian crossing to cross the busy A127: I pressed the button, waited, but the light never went green for me to cross.

After a few seconds, the light around the button on the pedestrian crossing went out, as if I'd never pressed the button at all! I tried again, watching closely for the green man: again the wait light disappeared before any green man told me to cross. I pressed a third time, but then spotted a gap in the traffic, so I darted across.

Why do I need to take my life in my hands to cross a junction where there is a pedestrian crossing?

Susan Batley
Leigh-on-Sea

Who would you vote for?

CONSERVATIVE Councillor Tony Cox and Southend's long-established protest group - which has developed into a highly polished conduit for local public opinion - have both recently proffered their views on invigorating our struggling shopping precincts in which, Mr Cox agreed, the Council must have a role to play.

On one hand, via Mr Cox, we had graffiti removal, more litter bins and street cleaning, and parking kept free for customers - presumably by the ubiquitous Apcoa Spy Car sneakily making money for Europe's largest parking man-

agement company.

On the other, via the protest group's committee, a temporary extra levy on successful large businesses with a rateable value of more than £500,000 in order to fund a rate rebate for smaller businesses that are finding it very hard to survive this recession.

If SKIPPY had a candidate in the looming local elections, who would you vote for?

John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea

Postal voting is much easier

HOW much easier it is to vote by post. My vote has already been posted off a couple of weeks now.

No need to make a special journey to the local school or library, grab the stubby pencil and mark a large X on the voting paper.

I'm sure if the majority of people applied for the postal vote there would be a huge increase in voting in both local and general elections. The postal vote is for any age group and not just for the elderly.

The Tories have been in power in Southend since 1997 and it's about time we had a change.

My theory is that the old Tory faithful always go out

and vote for their candidates and that's why it's been so difficult to dislodge them. At least the postal vote is one up technical wise on the stubby pencil and paper regime.

So how about everyone using this method of voting? This would return a far more representative Council who would listen to their constituents.

Rosie Bond
Shoeburyness

Figures are manipulated

I RECENTLY read that Rob Tinlin our Chief Executive has taken a seven per cent pay cut from £184,209 to £171,012. It is not stated as to whether this includes his perks?

In December 2010 I had an article published in the Daily Mail that stated our Chief Executive received a salary of £147,000 plus additional performance related pay and a resident funded annual contribution into his pension fund of £32,193.

Let us suppose the figure of £184,209 did not include the perks and his seven per cent pay cut took him to a salary of £171,012 per annum. In 15 months his salary increased by £24,012 and with the seven per cent (so called) cut of £13,197 he has still received an increase of £10,815 – and we do still not know what pension perks have been excluded!

We all know that facts and figures can be produced to present whatever image is desired by the producer. It needs to be looked into further for the exact and correct figures that I am certain will show, the residents are being given false and misleading information. If wrong, I will apologise.

All I can say is, 'Given a pay rise of £24,012, I would happily accept a cut of £13,197.' A pay cut? A Meals on Wheels price rise of 47 per cent and our Chief Executive, gets a pay rise, even after a cut of seven per cent!

I know these are not the only figures being manipulated by our Council!

Brian Ayling
Southend-on-Sea

The Government needs to change course

DESPITE all the warnings the Tories and Lib Dems have plunged Britain into a double-dip recession.

The last six months under Labour gave us more growth than under two years of the Coalition.

The Tories and Lib Dems inherited a growing economy. Now we have a recession made in Downing Street.

They argued that the deficit was all that mattered. Instead, savage cuts have strangled growth, increased welfare bills, and reduced tax receipts, thereby making deficit reduction harder. As a result the Tories and Lib Dems are borrowing £158 billion more than planned.

Remember, this is massive extra borrowing to pay for rising unemployment, not investment to generate growth and get people back to work.

So much for George Osborne saying the government had 'taken Britain out of the financial danger zone, and set our economy on the path to recovery.'

Having got it so wrong will Cameron and Osborne apologise?

Probably not, because we know they are 'two arrogant posh boys who don't know the price of milk, show no remorse, and don't want to understand the lives of others'. Not my words but those of senior Tory Nadine Dorries - one of their own MPs.

The Tories and Lib Dems must change course. Growth is the answer. It is no too late.

Dave Bodimeade
Rayleigh

Children are second class citizens

THERE can't be an adult who wasn't shocked on seeing the description and photograph of the horrendous wounds inflicted by a dog attack on a seven-year-old boy while playing on a Southend beach (Yellow Advertiser 26 April). How can this be allowed to happen to an innocent child?

Unfortunately in this country children have not moved from being second class citizens! Remember the old absurd saying 'Children should be seen but not heard'? It hasn't gone away, children's feelings, opinions and position in society are still considered by many as inconsequential.

To highlight just some of the reasons why – dog attacks on children are increasing. Adults are allowed to smoke in vehicles with child passengers.

Social service cuts will cause an increase in child abuse. We are way behind with proper alcohol, drug and sex education. Consumerism has encouraged the sexualisation of children. Children are growing up addicted to online pornography, a third of 10-year-olds have seen explicit images on the internet.

Unhealthy food is being reintroduced (for profit) in Academy schools. The need for 20mph speed limits around schools and in residential areas is being ignored. Nursery schooling is suffering. Child poverty is again on the

increase. Even with all the modern advances we have seen take place children are relatively no less vulnerable today than they were a hundred years ago.

Who's to blame? Of course there is parental responsibility, but the sooner our responsible politicians and councils take much needed action to improve the safety and well-being of our children, worrying less about losing support due to introducing necessary measures which might upset their voting public, the better!

Steve Dewhurst
Hadleigh

Money should be found to plant trees

WHILE welcoming the sprucing up of the area of scrubland just as you come over the Benfleet bridge onto Canvey Island, with six new trees and making a garden, I find it difficult as to the making of a decision by Castle Point Borough Council recently.

It has been decided by the Borough Council to stop the funding of tree planting from the local Neighbourhood Forums as they have said tree planting has ongoing costs as to watering and the pruning of trees.

I find this decision strange as there has been a tree planting programme for the last three years on Canvey Island, at the suggestion of residents at their Neighbourhood Forums, to improve the environment around their areas. All of this has been stopped now with no promise of this planting programme being reintroduced.

Why is it only necessary to plant trees because we have the Olympic biking event coming to Hadleigh for a few weeks? Surely it's more important to improve the local environment for our residents to enjoy all over?

In this Jubilee year, the Government has asked for the planting of three million trees around the Country, why is it that Castle Point and Essex County Council are against tree planting in our local areas?

If the correct trees are planted at the correct time there should be no problems with ongoing costs. Won't there be ongoing costs with the trees at the entrance to Canvey Island?

How sad money can be found for this project, because there is an Olympics event coming to the area, but money for tree planting for residents in their areas cannot be found, who pay their Council Tax.

Councillor John Anderson
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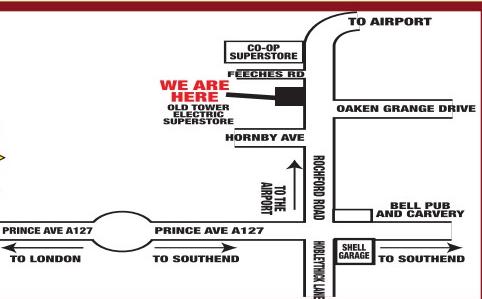
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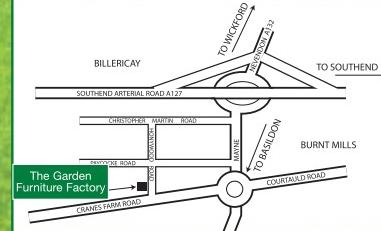


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The Ends crowned Battle of the Bands champions

By Martyn Dolton

A SOLD out crowd filled the Springhouse Club in Corringham for the grand final of the Battle of the Bands competition.

The event, laid on by Gateway 97.8 and the Rotary Club of Corringham Thameside, and part-sponsored by the Yellow Advertiser, saw six bands battle it out to win the coveted 2012 trophy.

The event, on Friday, April 20, was also held to raise money for the Karis May Darling Foundation, a charity which aims to help underprivileged children achieve their aspirations through performing arts and sport.

The charity was set up in memory of 12-year-old Karis May Darling, who sadly passed away last April after contracting a bug called Streptococcus A.

The bands had all made it to the final after being voted through by listeners during the heats held on Gateway 97.8.

At the final, the bands each had just 20 minutes to perform some of their songs and impress the five judges who were marking the bands on a number of criteria including star quality, audience reaction and musical ability.

After a fierce battle, The Ends were crowned champions, followed by Something Simple in second and Accidental Tourists in third place.

President of the Rotary Club of Corringham Thameside, David Fenn, said: "The Battle of the Bands was a truly fantastic event, well done to everyone who took part."

"It is absolutely fantastic to support such a great charity in the Karis May Darling Foundation and I thank everyone who bought tickets to the sell out event and donated during the night."

"Remember every band is a winner for getting so far in the competition, so well done."

The event raised about £1,400 for the charity.

Winners of the competition, The Ends, who hail from Canvey, said they were over the moon at winning.

Their achievement was even more impressive as on the night of the final, their bassist fell ill and

guitarist James Clarke had to fill in for him.

James said: "It was only a few hours before it began that we found out that Liam was unable to make it so I had to step in."

"It wasn't ideal but we managed to get through, so it was special to win despite our mishaps."

"It was a fantastic night and all the bands that played done a fantastic job."

Karis May Darling's father, John, was on hand to present the trophy to the winners.

He said: "We are so humbled to have so much support, thank you to everyone for helping the charity."

"This is exactly what the charity was set up to do – help young people achieve their goals – so it is great that young people have helped raise so much money for others."

Find out more about the Karis May Foundation at www.karismaydarlingfoundation.org.uk



WINNERS: The Ends' Mike Darrah, James Clarke and Joe Blamey with the trophy.

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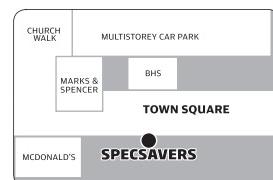
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FUNDRAISERS NEEDED: Alison Blake, Help for Heroes representative at ASDA Living, Grays, with ASDA operations manager Neil Turner and staff.

Picture by Martin Dalton

Charity appeals for volunteers to help out on collection days

By Paul Peterson

A LEADING charity is appealing for volunteers to help raise much needed funds.

Help for Heroes (H4H) needs to recruit local people to help support two fundraising collection days being held at more than 500 ASDA stores across the country this month.

The ASDA Living store on the Lakeside Retail Park, in West Thurrock, is looking for volunteers to join the event, which takes place on Saturday, May 12 and Sunday,

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Alison Brake, from Grays, who has been chosen as the H4H representative at ASDA Living, said: "We are asking the people of Thurrock to spare some time to help us raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause and do their bit for our heroes."

The event, which follows the success of last year's H4H and ASDA fundraisers, will involve volunteers collecting donations for the charity and selling H4H merchandise.

Anyone who can help can register their interest by visiting asda.helpforheroes.org.uk

The Help for Heroes charity has raised more than £127m since its launch in 2007.

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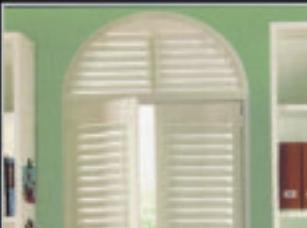
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Originally built as a palace, and given to Henry VIII, Knole is now home to six centuries of history thanks to the Sackvilles who turned the huge property into a grand family home and collected furniture, paintings and textiles that you can't see anywhere else in the world.

As well as its amazing house, Knole is surrounded by a 1,000 acres of breathtaking parkland, which is home to a herd of more than 500 deer who are direct descendants of those hunted by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

Leaving a very wet Essex we headed to Kent to find sunshine and surprises as we turned off a busy Kent town centre to drive down a winding road that leads up to Knole House.

Soon after crossing a cattle grid we stopped the car to admire some deer happily munching on the grass – their main job as the parkland's guardians, maintaining the balance of nature with their careful grazing.

But, having read that the deer have become more and more tame, we decided to be weary of their 'butter wouldn't melt' appearance and keep our distance from what are essentially wild animals that can quite easily attack with a bite or a kick.

We continued our journey to the house, which we were visiting during its Knole in Flux project – a huge restoration scheme to carry out urgent repairs to save the house from rapid decline – and were amazed by its sheer size. With a footprint of four

acres the house boasts seven courtyards, two entrance towers, four long galleries, and a total of 365 rooms!

As the house has been a family home for more than 400 years, and has been inhabited by the Sackvilles since 1603, not all of it is open, but the area that is offers an amazing glimpse into the past.

Everything about its elaborately decorated rooms is on a grand scale, and every one is absolutely fascinating to wander around in their own right, but visiting during its restoration work – which is still continuing – gave us an added extra. While some items were covered to keep them protected, other things were uncovered including panelled walls that are rarely seen behind huge hanging tapestries, and the layers behind ancient walls.

We also got a closer look at a grand four poster bed, which you are not normally allowed within a few feet of, and could see everything down to the bedding's intricate needlework.

The highlight of our tour was walking into a darkened room to find the expanse of the glittering King's Room - a magnificent chamber, awash with gold and silver that was bought for the visit of a king who never came. Not only is the room covered with fabric made with gold and silver thread, it is also the setting for a set of solid silver furniture. While most similar sets were melted down hundreds of years ago to pay for Louis XIV's wars, this and another at Windsor Castle are the only ones that survived.

If touring an old house is not for you, or the children are too small, then why not enjoy Knole in another way, by making the most of what it has to offer outside?

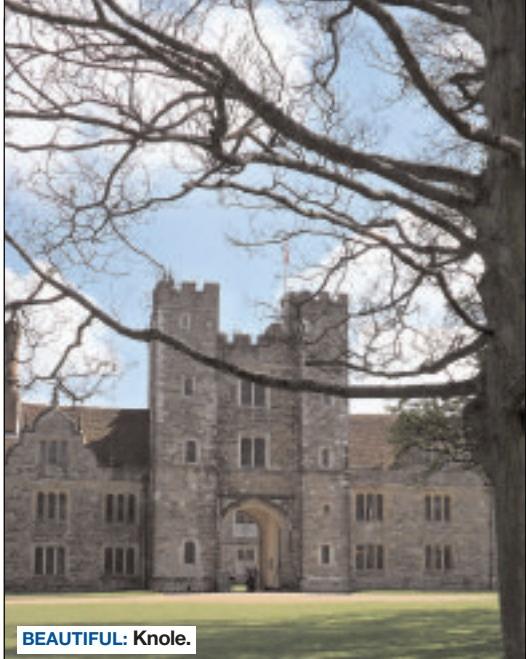
There's something to suit everyone, from those who want to kick a ball around and enjoy a picnic, to those who want to sample the food in the Brewhouse Tearoom before setting off on one of its many walks to take in the local scenery and wildlife.

You can make the most of free guided walks in the park that are run on most days the house is open on Sundays, at either noon or 2pm, or even download one of the suggested routes from its website including its deer and woodland walks.

Take a look in the Visitor Centre and enjoy an interested film about Knole, and then head to the estate's shops to discover a wide range of local produce.

Its Brewhouse Tearoom, which is also accessible without having to pay to get into the house, is housed in the former beer-making part of the house and offers cooked lunches, as well as salads, snacks and teas on opening days.

The only thing we missed during our tour of Knole was its family garden, which is only open on Tuesday, courtesy of Lord



BEAUTIFUL: Knole.

Sackville. The garden boasts centuries-old features that have disappeared in almost all other gardens, including a wall that is more than 100 yards long and almost entirely covered with wisteria. The private garden, which is the largest walled garden in the country and spans an area of 26 acres, is also home to exotic trees, numerous relics from the past and a smaller walled garden - a relic of Medieval times that is now occupied by Lord Sackville's ornamental vegetable garden.

Whatever your reason to visit Knole, whether its to wander around a house full of history, to see its historical herd of deer, or take in a gentle stroll, you really won't be disappointed. And, with restoration work continuing, thanks to The National Trust who look after the estate, and the Sackville family's aim to continue to make the house a living and working one, Knole looks set to be here for many future generations to enjoy.

You can read previous days out Liz and her boys have taken by visiting www.yellowad.co.uk and clicking on blogs

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■ DIRECTIONS: Knole can be found off the High Street, in Sevenoaks, TN15 0RP. Leave the M25 at exit 5 (A21) and follow signs for Sevenoaks. Turn right at mini-roundabout. Park entrance is in Sevenoaks town centre, left off A225 Tonbridge Road (opposite St Nicholas Church). Some sat-nav systems will not direct you correctly to Knole so use the alternative postcode of TN13 1HU.

■ OPENING TIMES: The park is open to vehicles only when the house or garden are open, otherwise parking is in the nearby town centre. The park is open to vehicles in the winter when the shop and tea room are open. Park gates are open from 10.30am to 6pm. Please check out the full opening times on Knole's website as the house is sometimes closed on Mondays and other days, and the garden is only open on selected days. The Brew House tea room offers cooked lunches from noon to 2pm, as well as salads, snacks and teas until 4pm. It is open from 10.30am to 5pm during the summer.

■ ENTRANCE: Standard entrance to the whole property is £10.40 for adults, £5.20 for children and £26 for families. If you want to just visit the gardens it costs £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. If you just want to visit the park then you just have to pay the parking, which costs £4. Entrance and parking is free for National Trust members.

■ FURTHER INFORMATION: Call 01732 462100 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk

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Saturday, May 5

■ Meeting, SE Essex Branch of Essex Society for Family History, Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, talk by Judith Williams 'Memories of Leigh-on-Sea', 2.30pm, helpdesk available from 1.30pm, visitors welcome. 01702 522992.

■ Simon Gledhill, playing popular and light classical music on the Compton Cinema Organ, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, Kingsway/Eastwood Lane South (off Southbourne Grove), Westcliff, 7pm, programmes £6 from 01702 714525/453436.

■ Basildon Keyboard Club Concert, James Hornsby High School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Dirk-Jan Ranjzin playing Boehm, 8pm, £5 including interval refreshments, further details John 01268 415506.

■ Plant Sale, Hockley and District Horticultural Society, Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 9.30-11.30am, admission 50p.

■ Open Day, Rayleigh Tennis Club, Watchfield Lane, Rayleigh, beginners 12.30-2pm, improvers 2-5pm, no need to pre-book.

■ Eastern Orthodox Chapel of St Agnes celebrating Divine Liturgy, 18 St Agnes Road, Billericay, 10.30am, all welcome. 01268 410247.

■ Rayleigh History Walk, The National Trust, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane (off High Street), £2 per person, further details Mike Stone 01268 775328.

■ Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday

10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437639.

■ Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 465801.

■ Rugby Training Session, Rochford Hundred Rugby Club, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell, for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12, every Saturday 10am-noon. 07533 348799.

■ Fun Football Training Sessions, Memorial Park, Wickford (Highcliff Road entrance), every Saturday 9.30-10.30am, under 5s and under 6s, parents encouraged to stay and watch, boys and girls welcome, further details 01268 769902.

■ Footie Tots, Swain School, Rayleigh, Saturday mornings from 9am, 3 years upwards, further details Shane 07887 627385/07790 938009.

Sunday, May 6

■ Walk, Ramblers' SE Essex Group, meet car park by Belfairs Woods stables, Leigh, 10am, pleasant, easy walk though slightly hilly, 5.5 miles through woods to Hadleigh Castle, return via Thames Drive.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, details 01702 345247.

■ Trading Hunt, Hockley and District Horticultural Society, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, open every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3.

■ Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, situated by Waterside Sports Centre, Somes Avenue, Canvey, 10.30am-4pm, steam and electric locos, adults and children £1 each a ride, all welcome, every Sunday weather permitting.

■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim

■ Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-

noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.

■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.

Monday, May 7

■ Tower Open Day, Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh, 10am-4.30pm, with Bellringing demonstration, adults £3, children over 8 £1. Bygone Exhibition (Rayleigh Through the Looking Glass) 1952 registers, organ requests, refreshments, stalls, free car parking.

■ Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, Ron Spack's Jazzyt with Graham Hunter (trumpet) and Chris English (keyboard), details 01702 512819.

Tuesday, May 8

■ Tea Dance, St Cedds church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, 1.45pm, singles and couples welcome, friendly group 07767 406194.

■ Folk Music, the Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, The Ship, New Road, Old Leigh, 'The Carrive Sisters', 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ New Horizons Bereavement Group, Holy Cross Church Hall, Horndon-on-the-Hill, meets second and fourth Tuesday each month, 1.30-3.30pm. 01702 524348/443800.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Tuesday and Monday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

■ Table Tennis, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 7.30pm-10.30pm, £3.50, details 01268 779100.

■ Pathfinder Blinds and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon. 01268 465854.

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■ Singles Social Group, meets The

Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm. 01702 230480.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-2pm, we are a very successful and caring group, Michael 01268 527283.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

■ Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

Wednesday, May 9

■ Meeting, Essex Handicrafts Association, St Barnabas Church Hall,

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■ Meeting, Wickford Townswomen's Guild, Christ Church, (behind Co-op), 1.30-3.30pm, visitors welcome, entry £2, 01268 762447.

■ Short Mat Bowls club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/conc, four mats, Wednesday and Monday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
■ Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, Belvedere Function Centre, Billericay, top UK clarinettist Julian Marc Stringer and Canadian guitarist Dominic Ashworth plus Sam Edwards Trio, all welcome, 8pm, 07850 607075.

■ Barn Dance Club, Grand Ceilidh Club, Riga Music Bar, Milton Road, Westcliff, live music from Mick and Sarah, 8.30pm, 01702 553622.

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session, 01702 540111.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged five-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Crowstone Christian Centre, 91 Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 9.30-11.30am (term time), also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702 352668.

■ Blenheim Breastfeeding Support, Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way, Leigh, every Wednesday 2-3pm (term time), 01702 474684.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre,

Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment, 01268 779100.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, meet Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Charlie 01277 623752.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Buttercup Club, Scout Hall, Ellensbrook Close, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays, further details 01702 712150.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.

■ Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, May 10

■ Leigh Evening Women's Institute, meet on second Thursday of each month at St Aiden's Church Hall, The Fairway, Leigh, 7.30pm.

■ Art Class, Westcliff United Reformed Church, King's Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon or 1pm-3pm, learn to paint and draw with artist Paul Alcock using your favourite mediums, beginners and experienced students welcome, 01702 615475.

■ Drawing and Painting for Adults, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 2pm-4pm, learn from an experienced artist, new members welcome, details 07875 079739.

■ Art Club for children, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 5-10 years, 4-5pm, drawing, painting, cartooning and more, details 07875 079739.

■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, featuring Mike Warner (guitar), further details 01268 742149.

■ Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Jill 01268 753667.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every

service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellington Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, sit us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.

■ Ballroom Dancing, St Peter's New Mazedon Hall, Eastwood Road North, Leigh, music and dancing to suit everyone, come and make friends, every Thursday 8-10.30pm.

■ Dance About, St Mark's Church Hall, Princes Street, Thursdays 7-8pm, all kinds of music and dancing.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm, 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, £4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3, 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

Friday, May 11

■ Talk in French on Mont Blanc, Basildon French Circle, Room 2, Basildon Centre, 8pm, 01268 756347.

■ Evening of Mediumship, Great Mistley Scout Hut, (off Church Road), Vange, Basildon, 'Steve Woods', 7.30-9pm.

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■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking, 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm, 01702 296708.

■ Table Tennis, Markham's Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

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■ Clairvoyance, Hockley Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley, (next to Spa Pub), visiting mediums, Fridays 7.30-9.30pm.

■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players, 01702 345902.

■ Chess, Cedar Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh, Fridays, 7.30pm onwards, all ages and abilities welcome, details Derek Stockings 01268 772923.

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A THUNDERSLEY restaurant goes out of its way to look after its customers, by offering free VIP cards and helping diners raise thousands of pounds for charity.

Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, has helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for a range of charities including Barnardo's, the British Red Cross and Essex Air Ambulance.

Its Charity Nights give up to 50 per cent of profits to fundraisers for the charity of their choice. They are also outstanding value-for-money as prices per person are just £6 from Sunday to Wednesday, £7 on Thursdays and £10 on Fridays.

What's more, if you organise your charity event for 60 or more people a DJ or karaoke is also free of charge.

The big-hearted restaurant also looks after its diners by offering them a free VIP card. The card, which can be used every day except Saturday evenings and throughout the year except Christmas, saves you pounds on it's a la carte and buffet menus.

The card offers 'two for one' deals on starters and main courses from its a la carte menu from Sunday to Friday, and £3 off per person at its buffet evenings from Monday to Friday.

Anyone interested in a VIP card, which has to be presented to receive offers, can pick one up from the restaurant or ask for one to be posted.

Tandoori Parlour, which is the largest Indian restaurant in Essex and one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005, is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

The restaurant, which has the capacity for 450 people, has a downstairs dining area with bar



and dance floor as well as its Crystal Room upstairs, complete with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show, baby grand piano, and

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Diners can enjoy a wide range of Indian and Nepalese cuisine at its extensive evening buffets, which offer the ideal chance to try different tastes.

Your buffet begins with a platter of starters silver served at your table before more than 50 dishes from different provinces of India and Nepal.

The buffet costs just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday.

Its popular Banquet and Disco nights are held on Friday and Saturday offering silver served starters, extensive buffet as well as a disco with DJ entertainment. Both evenings cost £16.95 per person, or just £14 on Friday night for VIP card holders.

Its Sunday Family Buffet lunch is also great value-for-money at just £7.95 per person, with children under the age of 10 eating for free.

A full a la carte menu is also available at the restaurant alongside its buffets.

Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air conditioned and licensed, with full disabled facilities, and a free large car park opposite, also has a takeaway service.

The restaurant, which will be open on Bank Holiday Monday, is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight from Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday.

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Regency Spice offers a vast menu including a range of dishes from chef's recommendations to Regency specialities.

There are a range of tandoori specialities, balti dishes, Nepalese and Bangladeshi specialities, Thali and Kurzi specials, Persian, chicken, meat, fresh fish and shellfish dishes, as well as Thai specialities, vegetarian options and Regency Combination Platters for two or four people.

These are complemented by a wide range of starters, rice dishes, nan breads, sundries and pickles, and desserts.

The fully licensed and air-conditioned restaurant also offers an extensive drinks list including a wide range of beers and wine.

Regency Spice offers a five-course Midweek Special (served Monday to Thursday), for £12.95 and includes any starter and main dish, rice or nan bread, and a side dish, as well as tea or coffee, as well as a Business Lunch offer from noon to 2.30pm on weekdays with a choice of dishes for just £8.95 per person. The restaurant also has a Sunday Buffet, served from noon to 11.30pm, where customers can eat as much as they like from a large selection of delicious dishes for £7.95 per person, or £3.95 for under 10s.

Tony, the owner of Regency Spice, has been in the catering business for 40 years.



He prides himself on the restaurant, which is a wonderful place to celebrate a range of special occasions, from engagements and weddings, to birthdays and anniversaries.

It has ample space for large parties thanks to its separate function room, which is complete with dance floor, sounds, lights and smoke, as well as karaoke.

Staff are now taking bookings for a special Tina Turner tribute night on Thursday, May 24, as well as a Motown Sisters tribute evening Thursday, June 28. Anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, which has full disabled access, can also host charity nights for which it will donate 50 per cent to the charity of your choice.

Regency Spice, which has a full takeaway service including free delivery, is open from noon to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and from noon to midnight on Sundays.

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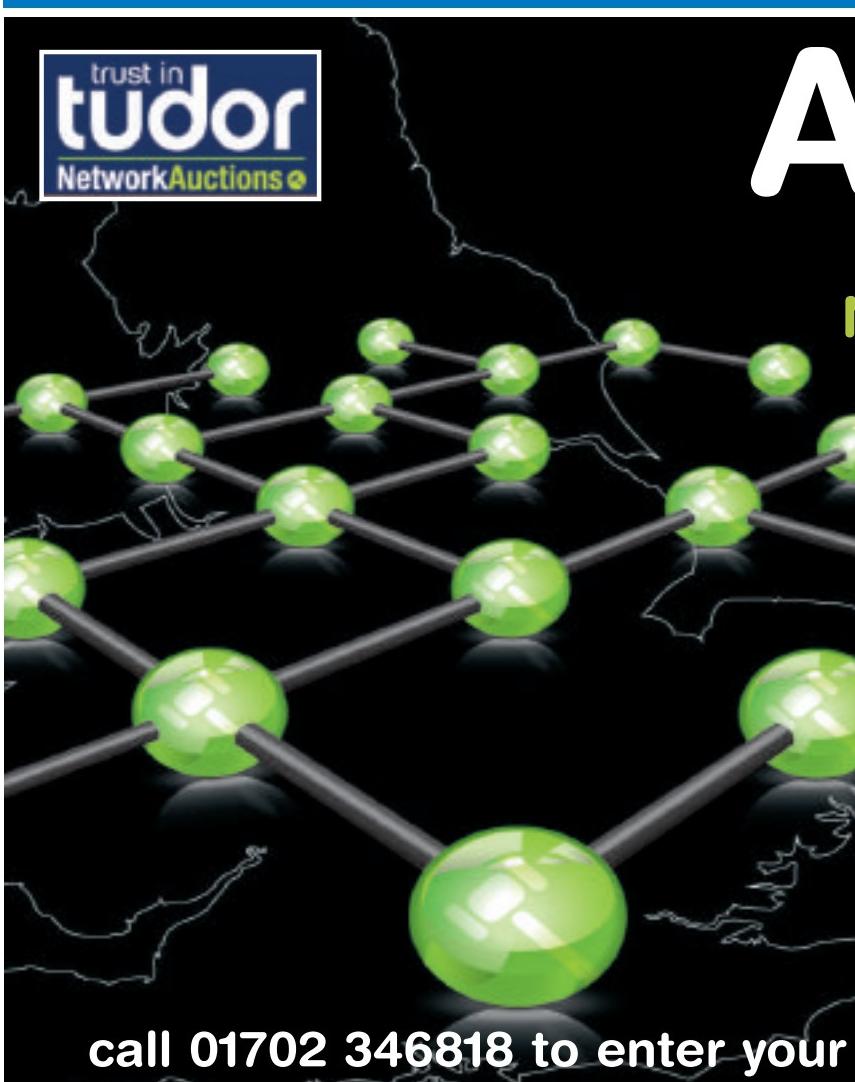
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**LEIGH-ON-SEA £194,995**

Two bedroom first floor apartment. Lounge 17'4 x 13'. Kitchen 10' x 7'. Newly installed bathroom 8' x 5'. Double glazed. Gas fired heating (not tested). Secure garden section off ground floor. South facing balcony. Estuary views from lounge and balcony. Short walk to Chalkwell railway station & beach. No onward chain.

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Top floor ONE double bedroom flat close to the Town Centre and all amenities. GATED DEVELOPMENT: MODERN KITCHEN/ BATHROOM: / WC: CENTRAL HEATING: CARPETED. Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 2BY

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First floor flat close to seafloor. LOUNGE: MODERN FITTED KITCHEN: ONE DOUBLE, ONE SINGLE BEDROOM: BATHROOM: SHOWER CUBICLE: DOUBLE GLAZED: CENTRAL HEATING: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: Applicants over 35 years: SS1 3BY

**ROYAL TERRACE, SOUTHEND £795 PCM**

Top floor TWO double bedroom apartment located in the Clifftown conservation area: LOUNGE WITH ESTUARY VIEWS: MODERN KITCHEN/DINER: BATHROOM WITH SHOWER CUBICLE: DOUBLE GLAZED: CENTRAL HEATING: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 1DU

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LARGE TWO double bedroom apartment close to Southend Town Centre. SEC ENT SYSTEM: LARGE LOUNGE WITH BALCONY AND MODERN FITTED KITCHEN: MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE: DOUBLE GLAZED: PARKING: Available early May. Unfurnished: No Pets: WATER RATES INCLUDED

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Third floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Southchurch Park: SEC ENT: LARGE LOUNGE: MODERN FITTED KITCHEN: BATHROOM WITH SHOWER: DOUBLE GLAZED: BALCONY: PARKING SPACE: COMMUNAL GARDENS: Available early May. Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 2AQ

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**WESTBOROUGH ROAD, WESTCLIFF £795 PCM**

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**VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHEND £695 PCM**

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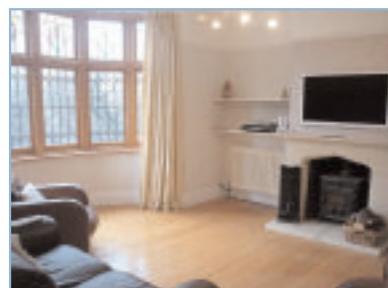
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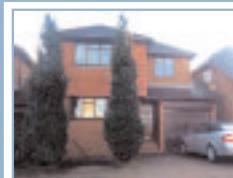
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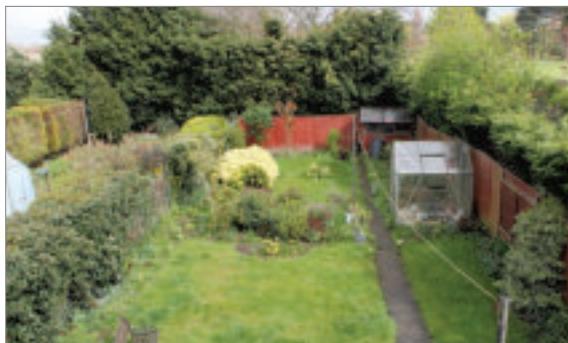
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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £325,000

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- Established garden
- No onward chain

Hockley £189,995

IDEAL FOR INVESTMENT

- Popular location Close to centre
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Modern Bathroom suite
- Secluded Garden
- Garage with parking
- No Onward Chain

Hockley £245,000

NEWLY REFURBISHED

- Refurbished Bungalow
- Superb Spec
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- Modern fitted kitchen
- Double aspect lounge
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- 5th Bed/study room
- Family bathroom with shower
- Attached garage
- Ref: ESH1466

Hawkwell £420,000

FAVOURITED LOCATION

- Highly favoured location
- Five bedrooms
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Modern bath/shower room
- En-suite shower room
- Integral double width garage
- Ample parking
- South facing garden
- Ref: ESH1511

Hockley £250,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Close to village centre and station
- Four bedrooms
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Gas central heating
- Luxury bathroom
- Victorian style conservatory
- En-suite shower room
- Garage/parking
- No Onward Chain

Hockley £234,950

QUICK SALE REQUIRED

- Extended accommodation
- Open plan family room/diner
- Modern kitchen area
- Gas central heating
- 2nd reception/bedroom 4
- 3 bedrooms
- Un-overlooked rear garden
- Close to village centre
- Off street parking
- Ref: ESH1497

Ashingdon £250,000

MUST BE VIEWED

- Favoured location
- Ground floor cloakroom
- L-shaped lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- 3 good size bedrooms
- En suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Attached garage
- West facing garden
- Ref: ESH1517

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- Luxury Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Luxury bathroom
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- * BATHROOM *
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- * VIEWING ESSENTIAL

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FOR SALE

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- * GOOD SIZE LOUNGE *
- * IMPRESSIVE FITTED KITCHEN *
- * STUNNING REPLACEMENT BATHROOM SUITE *
- * ALLOCATED PARKING *
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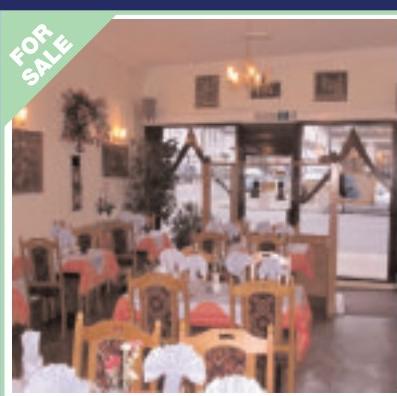
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- Chalkwell Hall Estate
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Westcliff On Sea £165,000



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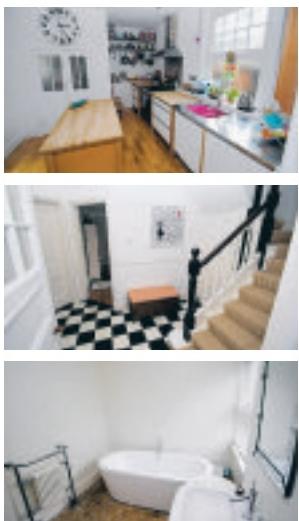


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Westcliff On Sea £425,000

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Leigh On Sea

£320,000

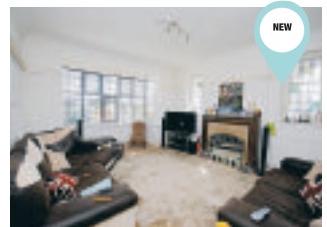
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Chalkwell

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Leigh On Sea

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Leigh On Sea

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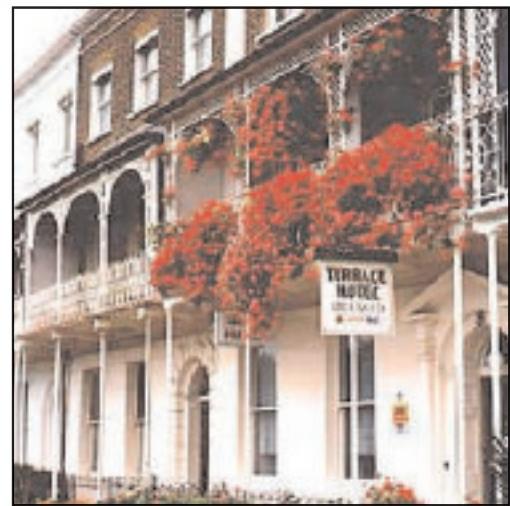
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As a seller, you naturally want your home to be seen in the best possible light. So, generally speaking, you should aim to schedule all viewings for a bright, sunny day that offers the maximum amount of natural light inside your property, as well as showing off the outside to the best effect – particularly if you have an attractive garden. Sunlight, of course, also has the added advantage of putting everyone in a good, positive mood.

As a buyer, on the other hand, you are actually much better off viewing a property on a miserable, rainy day! Why? Well firstly, it enables you to see whether the gutters leak, the drains are blocked, or the garden has an unpleasantly high water table. Secondly, if you like the place under those circumstances, you can be pretty sure that you will absolutely love it when the sun finally shines.

So far, so good – except for the fact that in this country we can't actually guarantee the kind of weather we're going to get from one moment to the next. And while sellers can to a certain extent compensate for a dull, overcast day by switching on all the lights, there's not much a buyer can do to make up for a lack of rain.

However, it's not just the weather that comes into play here. Much depends on the individual circumstances and situation of the property concerned. If you are selling a house close to a school, for example, you might want to avoid holding viewings at break times, which can be rather noisy, or "going home time," with its logjam of badly-parked 4x4s. Similarly, if your home happens to be on a major road, then it might be wise to try and schedule viewings outside rush hour.

These are not dastardly underhand tricks, incidentally – whatever the consumer lobbyists might say. If you are selling, they are just plain common sense. If you are buying, they are simply issues you need to be aware of and take into account.

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Drivetime

By Andy Enright

THE second generation Hyundai i30 offers far sharper styling and better build quality but otherwise it sticks to much the same formula. There's plenty of kit thrown in and there's Blue Drive technology that will trim the monthly bills still further, especially in the 110PS 1.6 CRDi diesel guise we're testing here. This is one car that all the other big volume manufacturers are keeping their eye on.

Hyundai has clearly done its homework on what appeals to European customers. This i30 is offered with a choice of two petrol and three diesel powerplants, with outputs ranging from 89 to 134bhp. In the UK, Hyundai expects a 50/50 split between petrol and diesel models with its 1.6-litre variable geometry turbodiesel unit on test here established as the most popular engine in the

range. There are two versions developing either 110PS or 130PS. It was the lower-powered version we tried, a car able to accelerate from rest to 62mph in 11.5 seconds, with a top speed of 115mph.

The suspension of the i30 is a strut front and multi-link rear design that's adopted by the best-handling cars in the class, such as the Ford Focus and Volkswagen Golf. One interesting option is Flex Steer. With three operating modes - Comfort, Normal and Sport - the system can be used to vary the level of steering assistance and feedback in order to suit driving conditions.

If there was one area where the original i30 came up conspicuously short of the top family hatchbacks, it was styling. The facelift in 2010 helped give the car a bit more personality but this next generation model fires the i30 right into the vanguard of contemporary design.



As is the vogue amongst many car manufacturers, Hyundai has coined a phrase to describe the design theme, in this case 'fluidic sculpture'. It can be traced back to the Hyundai ix-onic concept which appeared at the 2009 Geneva Motor Show, and will underpin the styling for all future European Hyundai models. The key motif is a signature frontal feature - the hexagonal-shaped grille. The interior design is neat with plenty of metallic and silver painted finishes on display, the centre console not looking unlike that of contemporary Ford models with sprouting air vents.

Space is plentiful for the rear seat occupants and the rather poky boot of the old i30 has been enlarged, in this case gaining an additional 10 per cent at 378 litres. Build quality seems very good with a lot of attention paid to materials, refinement and panel fit.

And the looks? Well, you might see hints of Ford in the trapezoidal lights or a little Peugeot in the way the wheelarches are sharply sculpted but it's undoubtedly bold styling.

The only thing that can really sink the i30 is if Hyundais start getting a bit optimistic with the pricing which currently sits in the £17,000-£20,000 bracket for this mid-range 110PS diesel variant. Match derivative for derivative against obvious Focus or Astra segment rivals though and you should be looking at a significant saving once spec is taken into account. Hyundai, after all, isn't holding back when it comes to equipment.

Korea values

New standard features on the i30 include voice-activated Bluetooth, LED daytime running lights, multifunction steering wheel, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors and one-touch indicators. Safety systems added as standard across the range include Vehicle Stability Management, Emergency Stop Signal and Hill-start Assist Control.

Those looking for the lowest running costs should direct their attention to the Blue Drive sub-brand which is Hyundai-speak for high efficiency and low emissions. Energy-saving measures include Integrated Stop & Go (ISG), low-rolling resistance tyres and an alternator management system. With CO2 emissions at just 97g/km and an engine delivery of 110 PS, the Blue Drive 1.6-litre diesel i30 we tried features a best-in-class power to efficiency ratio.

Residual values? They're creeping ever closer to those of mainstream brands as the market wakes up to just how far this Korean brand has come with product quality. There are low cost servicing packages to keep your maintenance outlay down. Insurance groupings range from 7E to 14E across the range on the 1-50 groupings scale. And, as with all Hyundai models, peace of mind

comes as part of the deal thanks to one of the best customer assurance plans in the industry. The Five Year Triple Care warranty includes five years of mechanical cover, annual vehicle health checks and roadside assistance.

The only issue with success is that it raises expectations. The Hyundai i30 is no longer a car that can be damned with faint praise or rewarded with patronising compliments. It's a properly big-league hitter now and one that deserves to be judged by exactly the same criteria we'd apply to a Volkswagen Golf, a Ford Focus or a Vauxhall Astra. On first acquaintance, you should agree that it seems there or thereabouts. Its integration of high-tech features isn't on a par with the massive-selling Ford and the price you pay will need to reflect this but in many of the other ways that matter to UK buyers, the Hyundai seems right on the money.

Especially in the 1.6 CRDi 110PS BlueDrive diesel guise we've been trying here. This is the stand-out variant in the range, no question, not much less pokey than the top 128PS diesel and with fuel figures approaching 70mpg, along with a sub-100g/km CO2 reading. It's a car that illustrates very effectively just how far this Korean brand has come.

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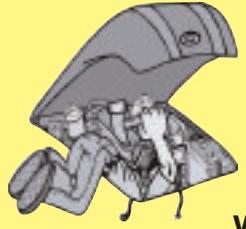
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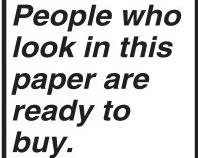
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Blues remain in automatic promotion hunt

Southend United

SOUTHEND United kept their automatic promotion hopes alive in League Two with a comfortable 2-0 win at Oxford United on Saturday.

The Blues can still nick the third and final automatic promotion spot if they beat already relegated Macclesfield Town at Roots Hall on Saturday and Torquay United and Crawley Town fail to win.

First half goals from Ryan Hall and Bilel Mohsni was enough for Paul Sturrock's men to keep them in the hunt.

Sturrock said: "The fat lady still isn't singing yet, so we go into the final game of the season with still everything to play for."

"I was delighted with the performance, the workrate and the attitude of the players. It was always going to be backs to the wall in the second half. We knew that, but we defended well and it's another clean sheet which I'm delighted with."

Oxford created the first opportunity with former Blues player Dean Morgan seeing his

effort saved by the feet of Cameron Belford.

Blues eased their way into the game and went ahead in the 19th minute. A free-kick was given outside the Oxford box and Hall stepped up to produce a swerving shot which beat Connor Ripley for his 14th goal of the season.

It was soon two after the half-hour mark when Mohsni netted his fourth in two games, heading home Peter Gilbert's cross.

Blues were nearly three goals to the good by half-time when Neil Harris lifted the ball over Ripley but Michael Duberry produced a last-gasp clearance.

Belford produced a strong arm to keep out Andy Whing's shot through a group of players to keep it at 2-0 going into half-time.

In the second half, Belford was again equal to a Morgan shot while sub Adam Chapman skewed a shot wide and John-Paul Pittman was denied by the Blues stopper.

It was comfortable in the end for the Shrimpers and Mohsni nearly netted his second late on but headed wide.



EVERYTHING TO PLAY FOR:
Blues boss Paul Sturrock.

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Motorsport

IT WAS a wet but busy weekend for the RAW Power Motorsport team as Benfleet racer Robbie Watts continued his quest for glory in his Formula 4 and Monoposto championships respectively.

Saturday saw the team at Brands Hatch for rounds three and four of the 750 Motor Club Formula 4 Championship, which included a debut for 16-year-old Falcon Wauer.

The youngster took pole for both races leaving Watts in second, but always hopeful because of his good starts.

It was again the case as Watts shot off into the lead in the first race, leaving Wauer down in fifth.

But the red flag was straight out for an incident on the pit straight. The race was restarted and Watts was off again. But Wauer soon caught up to take victory and the fastest lap.



The second race saw repeats of Watts' quick starts and he was soon defending hard against Wauer.

But another red flag meant the cars would have to restart once more. Again, Watts was gone, but Wauer soon came back.

After spending a lap side by side, Watts still had the edge. With three laps to go Watts was still looking strong. But yellow flags at Surtees meant he had to yield, allowing Wauer through. The race ended with much confusion over the result until it was confirmed as Watts in first as Wauer was excluded for

overtaking under yellow flags.

The team made the trip up north to Donington Park on Sunday as Watts looked to extend his lead in the St Cross Electronics Monoposto Championship in his Formula 3 Lola.

Watts had to miss round three on the Saturday so was determined to get a good result in round four.

It was a miserable day which soon brightened up for Watts as he snatched pole position by 4.8 seconds. The weather eased for the race but there was no stopping Watts who came home 19 seconds ahead for maximum points.

Watts said: "Thanks to the marshals for putting up with us and the weather. Without them we wouldn't have raced. When things go your way, it's mega. It has been a perfect weekend."

Watts will be back out in the Lola at Silverstone for rounds five and six in Monoposto on Saturday, May 12.

day).

Grays lost 3-0 at home to Enfield. Bradley Thomas was sent off for the Blues in the 52nd minute with Liam Hope converting the resulting penalty.

Further goals from Tyler Campbell and Walid Matata ensured Grays had to settle for fifth.

The relegation battle is also yet to be decided as Ware's home game against Waltham Forest was called off.

They have Ilford in their sights after they lost 2-1 at home to Harlow Town.

Danny Elmes and an own goal by Gbenga Sonuga before half-time put Harlow ahead with Abdul Jeetoo's reply in the 87th minute not enough.

Ilford are three points clear of Ware who must win by a three-goal margin last night.

Already relegated Great Wakering beat Romford 2-0 thanks to goals from Ashley Hawkins and Dan Trenkel.

Brentwood Town won 2-1 at Needham Market. Martyn Stokes and Abs Seymour put Town ahead with Bradley Barber (pen 83) pulling goal back for the hosts.

Luke Callander scored a hat-trick in Heybridge Swifts' 4-1 victory at Sudbury while Adam Flanagan and a Sos Yao penalty earned Maldon & Tiptree a 2-1 home win over Soham Town Rangers.

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Motorcycling



LIGHTNING STARTS: Steve White
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Biking stepbrothers on the right track

TWO MOTORCYCLE racing stepbrothers from Canvey Island competed in one of the biggest meetings of the calendar.

Carl Power and Steve White, from the Power Racing Team, raced in the British Motorcycle Racing Club's meeting at Brands Hatch last month on the Indy circuit with more than 300 entrants.

Having raced in the Rookie 1000's last year, Power continued his early progress in the Minitwin class on his Suzuki SV650, by coming 20th in the first race in a field of 35 having been 26th on the grid.

He followed that up with a 19th place and finally an 18th place finish in his last race, piped another rider on the line.

Having lined up 15th on the grid in the Rookie Minitwin race, White made a fantastic start, going into the first bend in seventh and battled hard all race to stay inside the top ten.

Power said: "I'm pleased as we are making steady progress. I achieved a best lap time at Brands Indy of just over 53 seconds which is only just off the time I managed on my 1000cc bike at the end of last season."

"We are still making adjustments to the new bike and it will take a bit longer for me to get totally used to it and the riding style. Steve is also getting used to his bike but managed to lap Brands five seconds quicker than he had ever done before so we are both definitely moving in the right direction."

Next up for the brothers is the prestigious televised meeting at Donington Park on the weekend of May 12/13 when the Minitwins will be a support race for the British round of the World Superbikes.

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Basketball

Leopards win play-offs

LONDON Leopards were crowned Division One play-off champions on Sunday as they followed up their 82-71 victory against Leicester Warriors with a 95-82 final win against Derby Trailblazers.

The win completed the best season in the Big Cats' eight-year EBL history as they added the season's final piece of silverware to the National Cup and Division One regular season title.

Vernon Teel picked up his third MVP award of the season as he finished with another triple-double of 32 points, 16 rebounds and 12 assists to lead them to victory. Fellow American Osman Krubally also had another stand-out game with a 34 point, 17 rebound double-double, with David Buchberger adding 17 points and nine boards.

General manager, Dave Ryan, said: "It's been a fantastic season. I don't think we could have asked for anything more. We've had the hardest working team in the league, the best pair of Americans, the best sixth man in Dave (Buchberger) and loads of youngsters who will have learned from all of this."

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City missed out on the Blue Square South play-offs on Saturday, losing 3-2 at home to champions Woking.

Jack King (10) fired the Cards ahead but Cliff Akurang (16) and Jamie Slabber (42) gave the Clarets a narrow lead.

However, Giuseppe Sole equalised before half-time and Kieran Murtagh fired in the winner on the hour mark.

With Basingstoke Town's late charge, the Clarets found themselves four points adrift despite occupying a play-off spot for the majority of the season.

Thurrock finished bottom and ended the season in disappointment losing 2-0 to fellow relegated side Hampton & Richmond Borough at Ship Lane.

Billy Jeffreys (40) and Charlie Moone (50) were on the scoresheet for the visitors.

Ryman League Premier champions Billericay Town picked up their trophy in front of a bumper crowd of 1,145 at New Lodge, despite losing their final match 4-1 to play-off contenders Lowestoft Town.

Michael Frew put the Trawlerboys ahead only for Dale Cockrell's own goal to level it. Lubo Guentchev's long-range shot restored Lowestoft's

advantage before the half-hour, Cockrell made it 3-1 and Frew got his second.

AFC Hornchurch finished above Lowestoft in second with a 2-1 win over relegated Leatherhead.

Carl Rook (19) put Urchins ahead in his first start but Greg Andrews equalised before half-time.

Leon McKenzie restored Hornchurch's lead after the restart and it proved to be the winner. The Urchins were due to hold their play-off semi-final against Bury Town (tonight) Wednesday.

Canvey Island did all they could to make the play-offs, winning 5-0 over Margate, but it was not enough as they finished in eighth, four points off.

Kevin Dobinson, Rob King and Jason Hallett made it 3-0 before half-time, with Dobinson scoring again (73) and Steve Sheehan completing the rout.

East Thurrock United ended their season with a top ten finish thanks to their 5-2 win at Kingstonian.

After Bobby Traynor had put K's ahead, Sam Higgins scored two before the break and Ben Wood and Kye Ruel made it 4-1 soon after.

Traynor reduced the arrears but Higgins made sure of his hat-trick late on.

Concord Rangers' season tail off with a 3-1 defeat against Wealdstone.

Alex Dyer put Stones ahead after 25 seconds with Steve King (11) levelling for the Beachboys. But Richard Jolly and Scott Fitzgerald made sure of the win for Wealdstone.

Relegated Aveley's season ended in a thrashing, losing 7-1 to Hendon. Greg Noyoi (36) put Hendon ahead, and the floodgates opened in the second half as Scott Shulton (50) scored a penalty, Isaiha Rankin fired a seven-minute hat-trick and Elliott Charles made it 6-0 by the midway point.

Kayan Kalipha missed a penalty but Liam Thomas did pull a goal back for the Millers before Elliott Godfrey made it seven.

In Ryman League Division One North, Tilbury secured third spot and a semi-final home tie thanks to their 4-3 win at Thamesmead Town. Tom Wright and Gary Henty put Dockers ahead before half-time after Rikki Cable gave the hosts the lead after 30 seconds.

Cable completed his hat-trick six minutes after the break but Tilbury fought back to take the win through Aaron Matthews and Paul King.

They will host Needham Market, while Grays will have to travel to either Enfield Town or Leiston who are yet to settle the championship as Leiston's game was postponed and was due to be played last night (Tues-

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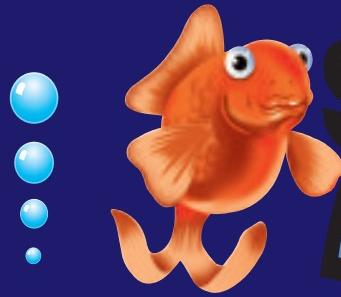


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